THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) During the last three years, 3 pilots have left Air India and 13 left Indian Airlines. During the same period, 38 B737 Pilots and 4 ATR Pilots also left Alliance Air.

(c) There has been some effect on the operations of some of the airlines. Similarly pilots from other private airlines have also joined State carriers.

(d) and (e) Airlines have issued advertisements for recruitment of pilots in line with their requirements. Further airlines have recently been permitted by DGCA to utilize pilots upto the age of 61 years, as against the earlier stipulation of 60 years.

Bids for Delhi and Mumbai airports

2793. DR. M.A.M RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted 12 weeks to the nine short listed private and international consortia to submit the final technical and financial bids for Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(b) if so, the details of these companies including their financial health;

(c) the criteria for short listing adopted by Government;

(d) the details of companies and consortia whose applications have been rejected; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of companies/consortia are: 1. M/s. Bharti Enterprises Private Limited, Tamarind Projects Private Limited, Mitbrau Realty Private Limited, Bharti Infranet Private Limited, Changi Airport Managers & Partners (Singapore) Pte Ltd., Singapore Changi Airport Enterprise Pte. Ltd., 2. M/s. Hochtief airport gmbh, Piramal Holdings Limited, L&T Hodlings Limited, 3. M/s. Macquarie Bank Limited, Agarwal Galvanising Private Limited, Aeroports de Paris, 4. M/s. GMR Infrastructure Limited, GMR Industries Limited, Mdvin Finance Private Limited, Fraport

AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide,, India Development Fund, 5. M/s Pan India Paryatan Limited, TAV Investment Construction and Operation Corporation, Ganjan Trading Co. Private Limited, 6. M/s GVK Industries Limited, Airports Company of South Africa Limited (ACSA), Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Limited, The Bidvest Group Limited, 7. M/s DLF Universal Limited, Malaysia Airport Holdings Berhad, 8. M/s Reliance Airport Developers Private Limited, Reliance Energy Limited, VINCI Airports and 9. M/s D.S. Construction Limited, Flughafen Munchen Gmbh, Germany, John Laing International Limited, UK, Apollo Enterprises Limited UK, Ebony Retail Holdings Limited.

The criteria required for prospective bidders were: (i) Combined networth of prime members should be more than Rs. five billion, (ii) Nomination of lead member of consortium and statement of legal capacity, (iii) Entities can participate in only one consortium for the same airport, (iv) Presence of an airport operator in consortium, (v) Ownership by Indian scheduled airlines and their group entities not exceeding 10% (vi) Foreign ownership not exceeding 49%, (vii) Suitable probity and security statements (viii) Expression of Interest (EoI) fees.

(d) and (e) The application of the consortia M/s Videocon International Ltd., Methven Corporation Pty. Ltd.' was rejected because there was no Airport operator entity in this consortium.

Fee on air passengers

2794. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to levy fee on the passengers passing through Indian airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the money collected will be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Under the Airports Authority of India (Amendment) Act, 2003, there is a provision to empower the Airports Authority of India by the Central Government to levy development fees at airports for the purposes of (a) funding or financing the costs of upgradation,